

Observation Park – proposed area for dog park.

Below are some ideas from a group of dog park users on how to implement the proposal for a dog park. They are only ideas and will be part of the discussion at the public meeting where other input is encouraged.

A proposal for a fenced off-leash dog park is to use the hockey rink for dogs of all sizes and use a small amount of rocky/grassy area behind the hockey rink for a small dog park for dogs 20 pounds and under. There are 2 options for the small dog park on the map. Option 1 (red dashed line) would be implemented if this proposal is approved. Option 2 (purple dashed line) would be added when the funding is found for the additional fencing.

Each area would have a small double gated entry where an owner will remove/attach the dog's leash before entering/leaving the park. The double gated entry also prevents dogs from leaving the park accidentally.

The hockey boards would be removed, but the concrete on the perimeter would remain. The all dog park would use the existing tall fences on three sides, after they have been repaired. The entry to the all dog park would be through the gate currently used to enter the fenced blacktop and hockey rink. The future entry to the blacktop area would be through one of the gates already present, but locked, just a few feet away from the current entry gate.

A 5 foot fence would be installed along the edge of the blacktop for the 4th side of the all dog park. The weeds would be pulled and the surface would remain the current crushed rock, with some sand added on top. The small dog park would use the existing fence on one side with additional fencing installed on the remaining sides.

There will be appropriate signage (including rules), waste bag containers, garbage cans and benches placed within both areas.

Funding for the fenced off-leash dog park will not be coming from the City's General Fund or the Parks Fund budgets. Dog park expenses will be paid for from fundraising efforts held specifically for the dog park, donations, grants, etc.

Parking is currently available on the street plus at the off-street parking lot. Dog park users would be encouraged to use the parking lot and walk their dog (on leash) to the dog park. Dog park users parking on the street would be encouraged to walk their dog (on leash) on the sidewalk along the west side of the building to the dog park.

There will be no changes to the blacktop or greenspace/field area with this plan. There will be no lighting added.